COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE VERIFIED APPLICATION OF CUMBERLAND)		
CELLULAR PARTNERSHIP FOR APPROVAL OF)	CASE NO.	91-421
CHANGE IN ITS OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL)		

ORDER

On November 6, 1991, Cumberland Cellular Partnership filed a verified application for approval of change in its ownership and control pursuant to KRS 278.020(4) and (5).

Proposed Transaction

GTE Mobilnet requests authorization to transfer ownership and control of its 50 percent interest in Cumberland Cellular Partnership equally to Brandenburg Telephone Company, Inc.; South Central Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.; Logan Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.; and Cumberland Cellular, Inc. The new owners together form Cumberland Cellular Partnership. On December 10, 1991, the Federal Communications Commission approved this transfer.

This Commission has previously approved the transfer to Cumberland Cellular Partnership of the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide domestic public cellular

telecommunications service to the Rural Service Area #5 ("RSA") which had been granted to GTE Mobilnet, Inc.1

Applicable Law

The proposed transfer is under the jurisdiction of this Commission and both KRS 278.020(4) and (5) apply. The proposed transfer will not harm consumers and will enhance the provisions of cellular service for RSA #5. Cumberland Cellular Partnership has the financial, technical, and managerial ability to provide reasonable cellular service to the public in RSA #5. The transfer of interest to certain local exchange carriers is for a proper purpose and consistent with the public interest and, accordingly, consistent with the requirements of KRS 278.020(4) and (5) and should be approved.

The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that:

- The proposed transfer be and it hereby is approved.
- 2. Within 30 days of the proposed transfer, Cumberland Cellular shall give notice to the Commission of the closing.
- 3. If the proposed transfer does not take place, Cumberland Cellular Partnership shall so notify the Commission.

See Case No. 91-180, The Joint Application of GTE Mobilnet Incorporated and Cumberland Cellular Partnership for Approval of the Transfer of Ownership and Control of the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Granted to GTE Mobilnet Incorporated in Case No. 90-306 to Cumberland Cellular Partnership. Order dated September 30, 1991.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 20th day of December, 1991.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

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